



The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society

Lincoln's Birthday Offering Service

Order of Worship.

Regular form, using Patriotic Hymns on pages 2 and 3 of this leaflet.

Scripture Reading.

PSALM LXVII.—"God be merciful unto us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations."

GLORIA PATRIA.

LUKE X, 25-37.—"Which of these three thinkest thou proved neighbor unto him that fell among the robbers? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. And Jesus said unto him, Go, and do thou likewise."

THE CONDITION.

FACTS FOR CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS.

The census for 1890 showed these startling facts: In the sixteen Southern States there are nearly FIVE MILLIONS of the population, ten years of age and over, who can neither read nor write. Of the white people 14.1 per cent are illiterates; 52.2 per cent of the black people are illiterate.

Slavery dragged down the white man: no man can put a chain around the ankle of his fellow-man without sooner or later, finding the other end of that chain about his own neck.

Oliver Wendell Holmes says that "the outcome of a man is determined a hundred years before he is born." A man draws his life's capital from his ancestors. Think of the strains of heredity in a race with ages of darkness and barbarism behind it in Africa, and coming up out of two hundred and fifty years of enforced servitude in America!

THE REMEDY.

HOPEFUL FACTS FOR CHRISTIAN GIVERS.

This Society, through which the work of Christian Education among the races in the South is committed by the Church, maintains 43 schools for the Christian training of the destitute white and colored people in the Southern States.

Employs nearly 500 teachers.

Ten thousand and sixteen students were brought under the Christianizing and enlightening influence of its schools last year.

Two thousand nine hundred and six students in our industrial schools; 284 preparing for the Christian ministry; 541 medical students, and 869 preparing as teachers.

The Church gave directly through its Conference collections last year, \$93,000.

Our students gave to help themselves in board, room rent, tuition, etc., \$88,451.05.

Our Society now has school property valued at \$2,160,200.

Help those who, at great sacrifice, are helping themselves.

There are now 547,816 members of the Church in the South: 223,123 are among the white people; 324,693 are among the black people.

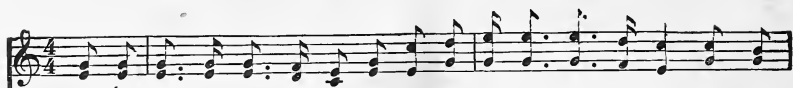
The Church has in that section 2,500,000 adherents.

There are 3,039 churches among the white people; 3,846 among the black people.

Value of church and parsonage property, \$7,571,342 among the white people; \$16,178,152 among the black people.

*"And the slave, where'er he cowers, feels the soul within him climb
To the awful verge of manhood, as the energy sublime
Of a century bursts full-blossomed on the thorny stem of time."*

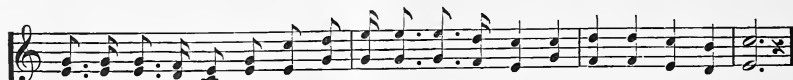
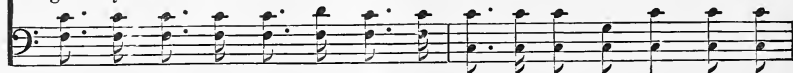
BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC.



1. Mine eyes have seen the glo-ry of the coming of the Lord; He is
2. I have seen him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps; They have
3. I have read a fier - y gos - pel, writ in burnished rows of steel, "As ye
4. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall nev-er call retreat; He is
5. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea, With a



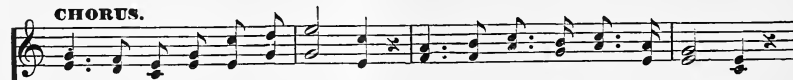
tramping out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath
 build-ed Him an al - tar in the ev' - ning dews and damps; I have
 deal with my con - tem - ners, so with you my grace shall deal; Let the
 sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judgment-seat; O, be
 glo - ry in His bo - som that trans - fig - ures you and me; As He



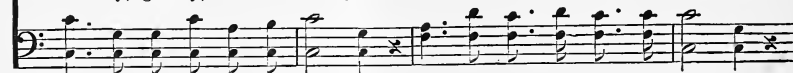
loosed the fate-ful lightning of his ter - ri - ble quick sword; His truth is marching on.
 read his righteousness by the dim and flaring lamps; His day is marching on.
 He - ro, born of woman, crush the serpent with his heel, Since God is marching on.
 swift, my soul, to answer Him! be ju - bi - lant, my feet; Our God is marching on.
 died to make men ho - ly, let us die to make men free, While God is marching on.



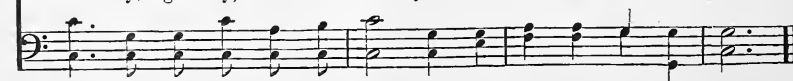
CHORUS.



Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.



1. My coun-try! 't is of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty, Of thee I sing: Land where my
 2. My na - tive country, thee, Land of the no - ble, free, Thy name I love; I love thy
 3. Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song: Let mor - tal
 4. Our fa - thers' God! to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty, To thee we sing: Long may our

fa - thers died! Land of the pilgrims' pride! From ev - ry moun - tain side Let freedom ring!
 rocks and rills: Thy woods and templed hills My heart with rap - ture thrills, Like that a - bove.
 tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake; Let rocks their si - lence break, The sound prolong.
 land be bright With freedom's ho - ly light; Pro - tect us by thy might, Great God, our King.

RECESSIONAL.

TUNE: "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

RUDYARD KIPLING.

WILLIAM BATCHELDER BRADBURY.

1. God of our fa - thers, known of old, Lord of our far - flung bat - tle line,
 Be - neath whose aw - ful hand we hold Do - min - ion o - ver (Omit.)..... palmandpine,
 The tu - mult and the shouting dies; The cap - tains and the kings de - part;
 2. Still stands thine an - cient sac - ri - fice, An hum - ble and a (Omit.)..... contrite heart,
 Far - called our na - vies melt a - way; On dune and head - land sinks the fire;
 3. Lo, all our pomp of yes - ter - day Is one with Nine - veh (Omit.)..... and Tyre!
 If, drunk with sight of power, we loose Wild tongues that have not thee in awe,
 4. Such boast - ing as the Gentiles use, Or less - er breeds with - (Omit.)..... out the law,
 For heath - en heart that puts her trust In reek - ing tube and i - ron shard,
 5. All val - iant dust that builds on dust, And guarding calls not (Omit.)..... thee to guard;

D. C. { Lord God of hosts, be with us yet, Lest we for - get, lest } { we for - get!
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 Judge of our na - tions, spare us yet, Lest we for - get, lest } (Omit.)... { we for - get!
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...CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...

Christian, and not secular, Education is the need of the South.



*"Give me the power to labor for mankind,
Make me the mouth of such as can not speak;
Eyes let me be to groping men, and blind;
A conscience to the base; and to the weak
Let me be hands and feet; and to the foolish, mind."*

THE FIELD.—The sixteen Southern States. Total population in 1890, 22,438,509. White, 15,549,357; black, 6,889,152. Ten years of age and over, \$16,166,345, of whom 4,479,729, or 27.8 per cent, can not read nor write. Divided by races, the census gives: white, 11,295,435, of whom 1,545,286, or 14.1, are illiterate; black, 4,870,910, of whom 2,934,441, or 55.2 per cent, are illiterate.

THE GAIN.—Comparing the census of 1890 with that of 1880, it is seen that the per cent of illiteracy in the South has been reduced in the ten years from 36 to 27.8 per cent; among the white people, from 18.5 to 14.1 per cent; and among the black, from 70 to 55.2 per cent. Herein is great gain and cause for rejoicing.

THE FUTURE.—The work is only well begun. While the percentage of illiterates in relation to the total population was reduced, there were nevertheless 193,494 more white illiterates in the South in 1890 than in 1880; and though there were 108,650 less black illiterates in 1890 than in 1880, when taken all together there 84,844 more illiterates in 1890 than in 1880.

FACTS.—In 1890 there were 193,494 more white illiterates in the South than in 1880. The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society has educated one black teacher for every 500 black people in America.

A FAIR CHANCE.—The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society pleads with the preachers and people for the presentation of the cause to the Churches. More than 7,000 charges gave no collection last year. Brothers, please hear us for *only a fair chance*.

A GOOD INVESTMENT.—The opportunity to secure in a permanent investment a better rate of interest than is paid by the best Savings Banks, is offered by the Society's Annuity Plan. There are good chances also to make temporary loans at good rates of interest, occasionally. No better security is given anywhere. Information on all these matters is given cheerfully by the Secretaries.

HOW TO MAKE WILLS.—Legal forms for making bequests will be sent to any address, without expense. Advice in the matter of making wills will be given by the attorney employed by the Society.

AN APPEAL TO PATRIOTISM.—Five hundred black babes are born in every *twenty-four hours* in this country, and there is an increase of 2,000,000 in the black population since the last United States census was taken. Patriotic motives must inspire some concern to give Christian Education to the increasing multitudes, if only for the safety and usefulness of the Nation.

THE PRESENT DUTY.—More and stronger mission schools in the Southern States. Bishop Taylor has declared that "America is the greatest mission field in the world," and the greatest world-mission in America is Africa. The American people must settle the "race problem" for all people, and all time.

Brothers, sisters, please help the poor! Help these lowliest poor!

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord."—THE BIBLE.

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